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Kids can practice safe bicycle riding skills on the obstacle course at Meet in the Street.

GEARING UP for safe bike riding

*Town will host Bicycle Safety Fair at
Meet in the Street on Saturday, May 2*

May is Bike Safety Month and the Town of Wake Forest is helping raise awareness about the importance of bike safety by sponsoring a free Bicycle Safety Fair on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the Brooks Street parking lot of town hall. This year's safety fair is again being offered as part of the 35th Annual Meet in the Street set to take place along Taylor Street, Brooks Street and White Street.

Facilitated by the Wake Forest Planning Department, the Bicycle Safety Fair is designed to teach safe bicycle riding skills to children ages five to 14 and their parents. During the event, participants will be taught safe riding techniques through an obstacle course that re-creates real-life situations.

Participants and parents will learn how to fit helmets properly and opportunities will be provided throughout the day to earn a free helmet.

For more information about this year's Bicycle Safety Fair, visit wakeforestnc.gov/bikesafetyfair.aspx.

Please share the road

In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists have full rights and responsibilities on the roadway and are subject to the regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle.

The Town of Wake Forest encourages all roadway users to drive and ride responsibly and courteously so that cars and bikes may share the road.

News highlights

Wake Forest Food Truck Rodeo: Sunday, May 17 »

Enjoy savory food and desserts in the Renaissance Place parking lot at 450 S. Brooks St. in downtown Wake Forest from 12-4 p.m., rain or shine.



Memorial Day schedule »

Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day. Garbage and recycling will not be collected on Memorial Day. Republic Services will run the week's collection schedule one day later than normal and extend into Saturday.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx for a complete listing of town holidays.

WFPD adds motorcycle patrol unit »

The N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program recently awarded the Wake Forest Police Department an \$85,000 grant to establish a new motorcycle patrol unit.

In addition to traffic enforcement, the unit will work to raise public awareness by participating in community events that help promote highway and motorcycle safety. In late May or early June, the unit will begin assisting other law enforcement agencies in hosting regular motorcycle safety classes sponsored by BikeSafe NC.

For information about BikeSafe NC and their Rider Skills Days, visit bikesafenc.com.





Holding Park Pool opens May 23

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department will

open Holding Park Pool for the summer season during Memorial Day weekend. The 50-meter outdoor public swimming pool is located at 133 W. Owen Ave.

Weekend hours are 1-7 p.m. Beginning June 15, the pool will also be open on weekdays from 1-6 p.m. Seasonal pool passes and parent/toddler swim time passes are available at town hall.

Swim lessons will be offered in June, July and August. All registration will be held online beginning June 1. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/swim-lessons.aspx for more details or call 919-435-9560 for information.



Meet in the Street Saturday, May 2

The 35th Annual Meet in the Street® festival will take place Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in historic downtown Wake Forest. Presented by the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, Meet in the Street offers a day filled with entertainment.

Festivities will include dozens of artisans' booths featuring handcrafted arts and crafts, multiple performances, bluegrass stomp, beer garden, children's village, bicycle safety fair and a fire safety obstacle course. Admission is free.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/meet-in-the-street.aspx. Download the Town of Wake Forest app to access event information on your smartphone.



Over 230 vehicles were on display at last year's show.

JOE MARTINSON

Roll into town for the third annual CHARITY CAR SHOW

The third annual Wake Forest Charity Car Show will take place Father's Day weekend on Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Wake Forest.

The all-volunteer event, presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. (WFD), showcases classic and antique automobiles including, custom, muscle, sports, pony, classics, street rods and custom trucks. Classic car hobbyists and enthusiasts will enjoy free admission, live music, food trucks, Model T assembly demonstration, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and of course, classic and unique cars.

One hundred percent of the show's proceeds will

benefit local organizations, including the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club, Purple Heart Foundation of North Carolina and Miracle League of the Triangle. Last year, \$8,900 was raised and donated to charity.

Car registration begins at 8 a.m. at the intersection of South White Street and Elm Street. A \$20 entry fee is required for owners wishing to display their cars or enter them for judging. Trailer parking will be available.

The presentation of awards will begin at 2 p.m. For more information about the event, search for Wake Forest Charity Car Show on Facebook or visit wakeforestdowntown.com.



Seats available for Youth in Government Advisory Board

The Town of Wake Forest is accepting applications from area high school students who are interested in serving on the Youth in Government Advisory Board (YGAB). High school students (rising 9-12 graders) are eligible to serve on the YGAB.

The board meets from August to May on the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Members serve four-year terms or until graduation, whichever comes first.

Applications are available at wakeforestnc.gov/youth-in-government-advisory-board.aspx. Completed applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 8. Applicants should plan to attend the YGAB meeting on May 16 to introduce themselves and discuss their interest in serving. For more information, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at dharris@wakeforestnc.gov or call 919-435-9410.

Summer Tree Care Tips

Swinging in a hammock beneath the shade of a large oak tree, sipping a glass of cool lemonade. What could be better?

To help keep your trees healthy and happy this summer, and ensure they continue to provide much needed shade, keep in mind the following summer tree care tips:

- Young or newly planted trees require frequent watering to help them establish their root systems, but even large, established trees need plenty of water, especially during periods of drought. A slow, deep watering in the early morning or late evening, at least once a week is ideal.

- Proper mulching can help retain soil moisture and moderate soil temperatures. Apply 2-3 inches of organic mulch (such as wood chips, shredded hardwood, or bark) in a ring around the tree, making sure to leave a 2-inch gap between the bark and the mulch. The wider the mulch ring, the better! Mulch that is too deep will suffocate the roots.

- Drought-stressed trees are much more prone to insect and disease infestations. If you notice wilted foliage, sparse canopy or off-colored and undersized leaves, leaf scorch, yellowing, leaf drop, or premature fall color, contact Jennifer Rall, Urban Forestry Coordinator, to obtain a diagnosis and treatment options.

For more information, visit treesaregood.org/treeowner/treeownerinformation.aspx or contact Jennifer Rall, Urban Forestry Coordinator, at 919-435-9565 or jrall@wakeforestnc.gov.



Springtime in Wake Forest

View a full listing of spring events, including information about the Wake Forest Garden Club's annual Mad Hatter's Tea, Art Market, Garden Tour & Vintage Auto Show on May 9 at wakeforestnc.gov/celebrate-spring-in-wake-forest.aspx

Register now for summer programs

Registration is underway for summer camps and enrichment programs offered by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR) department. Camps are available in art, theater, music, engineering with LEGO®, athletics and more.

Full Day Summer Camp Program

Enhance your child's summer experience at Camp Nahele, a full day

recreational program offered at the Wake Forest Community House from June-August for children ages 6-12.

For more information about programs and athletic league registration, view *RecConnect*, the program guide, at wakeforestnc.gov/reconnect.aspx.

Register for programs at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com or call 919-435-9560 for more information.

National Trails Day: June 6 at Joyner Park

The Town of Wake Forest will celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6, at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Experience the wonder of nature.

Explore environmental education stations set up throughout the park that offer an

up-close look at our natural environment. Examine bugs at an exhibit from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. Listen to song birds and learn how identify them. See samples of native and invasive plants. Learn how to tell if a stream is healthy by identifying the bugs in the water.

Be sure to pick up a 'passport' when you arrive. Participants that have their passport stamped at every station are eligible for a prize. All activities are free.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/national-trails-day.aspx or contact Transportation Planning Manager Candace Davis at cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9513.

Learn more about the wonderful traits of creatures (like snakes!) that you might encounter on trails.



Save these dates

July 3: Fireworks Spectacular at Wake Forest High School

July 4: Fourth of July

Memorial Flag Raisings held on first Mondays

From April through November, the town joins with local veterans organizations to pay tribute to the service and memory of deceased Wake Forest veterans. The public is invited to attend the monthly flag raising services beginning at 11 a.m. in town hall's Centennial Plaza. For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/memorial-flag-raising-ceremony.aspx.





With graves dating back to 1837, the Wake Forest Cemetery is the resting place of many notable citizens who helped shape what Wake Forest is today.

HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

during the Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour

The 2015 Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour will be held Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The annual tour provides an excellent opportunity to explore the cemetery while docents are on hand to share stories and photographs of loved ones and ancestors buried in the cemetery.

Once again, representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be clad in Confederate uniforms and other regalia including Civil War firearms. A Scottish bagpiper and drummer will play throughout the event.

Bring the kids. Parents are encouraged to bring their children. A special tour-day activity is available at the information table. The activity helps educate young guests about the historical significance of

the cemetery as they locate specific places and interesting architectural details on headstones.

The Mangum Cemetery located on North Taylor Street will also be on the tour. Among the many distinguished African-Americans buried there is the famous “Dr. Tom” Jeffries who built the rock wall surrounding the seminary campus.

The Wake Forest Cemetery is located at 400 N. White St. In the event of rain, the tour will be held Saturday, May 16.

Sponsored by the Wake Forest Cemetery

Advisory Board, the annual tour is free. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx to access historical information about the people buried at the cemetery and to see the virtual tour, a small sampling of the walking tour.



A Main Street Champion

Dino Radosta, owner of White Street Brewing Co., was recognized as a 2014 Main Street Champion at the N.C. Main Street Conference in Morganton.

“Main Street Champions recognize the possibilities in their downtowns and strive to make those possibilities a reality,” said Liz Parham, director of the N.C. Main Street Center and the Office of Urban Development.

Several years ago Dino and his wife, Tina, purchased three buildings in the heart of downtown Wake Forest. The Radostas wanted to make a difference downtown and showcase what the historic buildings could look like when renovated with care.

Today, their beautifully-renovated buildings house some of the most vibrant businesses in downtown Wake Forest including their state-of-the-art microbrewery that has garnered state and national attention.



July Children's Parade and Art & Games in the Park wakeforestnc.gov/july4.aspx

Six Sundays in Spring

April 26-May 31, 5-7 pm
E. Carroll Joyner Park

Bring the kids, friends, a picnic and a blanket and settle in for some foot-tapping, finger-snapping good times! Finalists from the Wake Forest Has Talent competition will perform during the free concert series.

Six Sundays in Spring is co-sponsored by Wake Forest ARTS, Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department

and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County.

In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be relocated to the Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St. Any change in location will be announced by 3 p.m. on the day of the concert. For weather related updates, call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569 or check the town's Facebook page.

Headlining Performers

May 3: Capital Transit

Four-part vocal jazz ensemble with accompaniment

May 10: Casablanca Orchestra

Big band, swing, 18-piece band with vocalist Ms. Debbie Bennett

May 17: Liverpool: Carolina's Beatles Experience

Rock, Beatles tribute band

May 24: Jeanne Jolly

Singer-songwriter, folk-pop

May 31: Gravy Boys

Acoustic Americana music (produced by PineCone: pinecone.org)

PERFORMANCES

Forest Moon Community Theater's "The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel"

Friday, May 8 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 ~ 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Friday, May 15 ~ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16 ~ 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

If you think you know the story of Hansel and Gretel, think again. The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel reveals the shocking account of what might have happened when these two young people were abandoned in the woods by their father and stepmother. Don't miss this comical retelling of a classic story.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children 12 & under, plus tax. Day of tickets are an additional \$3 per ticket, plus tax.



Neck of the Woods Performance Series

Friday, June 19 ~ 7 p.m.

Featuring emerging artists, a Neck of the Woods evening consists of several varying performance art acts. Each show is different and may include actors, dancers, musicians, singers, comedians, writers and poets. Come out and enjoy a truly unique and entertaining event and support your

local artists. Cash bar for wine and beer.

Tickets are \$5, plus tax.

Call for Artists: Local artists who are interested in performing may send a video or link to Cathy Gouge at cgouge@wake-forestnc.org.



Malpass Brothers in Concert

Saturday, June 27 ~ 7 p.m.

The traditional country duo returns to the Renaissance Centre to perform in the styles of Johnny Cash and Marty Robbins. These guys don't just sound retro, they are retro. Cash bar for beer and wine.

Advance tickets are \$15, plus tax.

Day of tickets are an additional \$3 per ticket, plus tax.

Purchase tickets for all events at the box office or at wakeforestrencen.org.



Malpass Brothers

MONTHLY EVENTS

Carolina Puppet Theater. Wednesday, May 6, 20 (*The Gingerbread Man*) and June 3, 17 (*The Little Red Hen*) at 11 a.m. Storytelling, music and puppetry geared for ages 3-7. New shows each month. \$5 plus tax. Children under 2 are admitted free.



Cinema at the Centre. May 28 and June 11; 7 p.m. An evening of film and facilitated discussion. Free.

First Friday Flix. First Fridays, 7 p.m. Monthly movie showings. Free.

flix4kidz. Second Mondays; 10:30 a.m. Monthly movie showings geared for ages 3-10. Free.

Forest Moon Theater. Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. (*Rainbow Fish*) An original and interactive children's play geared for ages 3-7. \$5 plus tax.

Free at Three. Second Mondays; 3 p.m. Movie showings geared for the over fifty crowd. Free.

Scrap Happens & Open Craft Night. Friday, May 8 and June 12; 5-11 p.m. Gather with other crafters to work on current projects. \$10 plus tax.

TGIF Dance Party! Friday, June 26. Family Dance: 7:30-9 pm. Adult Dance: 9-11 pm. \$5 plus tax with cash bar from 9-11 pm.

Writer's Night in the Forest. Thursday, May 21 (Diane Chamberlain, *The Silent Sister*); June 18 (Bruce Hillman, *The Man Who Stalked Einstein*). Free.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Visit the Renaissance Centre website for a complete listing of classes that are offered. Registration is ongoing.

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Accessing the Smith Creek Greenway

New parking area under consideration

The unofficial parking area along Burlington Mills Road that greenway users have been using to access the Smith Creek Greenway has been closed by the NCDOT. Per their request, the town will begin to enforce "No Parking" at this location. Until a new parking area is determined, trail users are encouraged to park at Horseshoe Farms in Raleigh and access the greenway from the Neuse River Trail.

Wake Forest officials recently began the initial design phase for a new parking area at the City of Raleigh Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), located just off Ligon Mill Road.

Once the draft design and layout for a new parking area have been submitted, the town will give residents the opportunity to review the plans and offer their input during a community meeting on Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at Richland Creek Community Church.

For complete details about the parking project, visit wakeforestnc.gov/smith-creek-greenway-parking-trailhead.aspx.



Let us know how we're doing

Residents' opinions sought in online communications survey

The Town of Wake Forest is conducting an online survey to gather input from residents concerning what they want in the way of information—and how they want it.

"The survey is an effective way we can learn how best to connect with our residents by providing the kind of information they want in the manner they want it," said Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree.

A link to the survey is available on the home page of the town's website at wakeforestnc.gov under "Hot Topics" through Friday, May 31. The survey is also available at wakeforestnc.gov/communications-survey.aspx.



Construction on the Forestville Road Bridge near Heritage High School is expected to begin in July.

BRIDGE WORK

NCDOT announces changes in bridge replacement projects

The N.C. Department of Transportation has announced schedule changes to two upcoming bridge replacements in Wake Forest.



The project to replace the bridge on Forestville Road that spans Sanford Creek, originally scheduled to get underway in April, is now slated to begin Wednesday, July 1, while the effort to replace the bridge on West Oak Avenue that spans Richland Creek has been pushed back from July to late September.

These local projects, along with

the current Purnell Road Bridge Replacement and the Rogers Road Bridge Replacement set to begin in late-March 2016, are part of the NCDOT's

efforts to improve the overall condition of the state's bridges.

To view comprehensive information about each of the four bridge replacement projects, including timelines, project maps and detours visit "Operation Bridge Exchange" at wakeforestnc.gov/operation-bridge-exchange.aspx.

There is no greater legacy than to be thought of as a person of strong character and integrity. On behalf of Town of Wake Forest residents and staff, thank you for being the gold standard.

—Mark Williams retired from his role as town manager in April, a position he held for 22 years.



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Proud to be a Tree City Community for 36 years

YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 pm
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardof-commissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.



WFTV 10 can be found at digital channel 97.5. Watch it live online at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx.

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